



The Rev. John Blasko

Heart Attack Fatal to Priest

Services Tuesday
For Fr. Blasko

The Rev. John Blasko, 52, pastor of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church and former pastor of two other Flint-area parishes, died of a heart attack early today at the rectory.

Services will be at 11 A. M. Tuesday at Holy Redeemer with the Most Rev. Joseph H. Albers, bishop of the Lansing Diocese, saying the Mass. Burial will be at Detroit.

Fr. Blasko's body will be in the Holy Redeemer School auditorium from 7 o'clock tonight until after Masses Sunday. Then it will be at the church until the services.

The LeRoy S. Zelle Funeral Home is making additional arrangements.

Fr. Blasko was only the second pastor of Holy Redeemer. He was named to replace the Rev. Louis F. Gauthier, who had been pastor since the parish's creation in 1940. Fr. Gauthier died April 14, 1957.

At a Michigan Slovak Day celebration on Aug. 3, 1958, Fr. Blasko was honored for his 25 years as a priest and his "selfless zeal for the good of the Slovak people."

He was ordained June 11, 1933, in Detroit, and his first assignment was at a Detroit church. He was named pastor of St. Joseph, Owosso, on Feb. 22, 1934, and remained there until June 7, 1939.

At that time he was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart here. He served at Sacred Heart until July 2, 1955, when he was named pastor of St. Pius X, the 14th and then the newest Roman Catholic parish in the Flint area.

During Fr. Blasko's tenure at Sacred Heart, a 13-room school building was built at a cost of about \$150,000.

Fr. Blasko was born Feb. 19, 1907, at Ironwood. He attended St. Procopius College, Lisle, Ill.; Sacred Heart Seminary, Detroit, and St. Mary Seminary, Norwood, Ohio.